

New factsheets on BAP Priority butterflies and moths

Butterfly Conservation has just published a series of new factsheets that give practical advice on how to manage habitats for threatened butterflies and moths listed as Priority Species in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan. The factsheets cover 39 species that breed partly or wholly on agricultural land and can be downloaded from the Butterfly Conservation website: www.butterfly-conservation.org

Each factsheet provides information on how to identify and survey for the species, which Butterfly Conservation hope will encourage targeted recording effort. They also provide practical advice for land managers, advisors and site owners on how to manage habitats for these threatened butterflies and moths.

The following factsheets are available:

Butterflies

Adonis Blue *Polyommatus bellargus*
 Heath Fritillary *Melitaea athalia*
 High Brown Fritillary *Argynnis adippe*
 Large Blue *Maculinea arion*
 Marsh Fritillary *Euphydryas aurinia*
 Northern Brown Argus *Aricia artaxerces*
 Pearl-bordered Fritillary *Boloria euphrosyne*
 Silver-studded Blue *Plebejus argus*
 Silver-spotted Skipper *Hesperia comma*

Moths

Argent & Sable *Rheumaptera hastata*
 Barberry Carpet *Pareulype berberata*
 Barred Toothed-striped *Trichopteryx polyommata*
 Basil Thyme Case-bearer *Coleophora tricolor*
 Black-veined Moth *Siona lineata*
 Bordered Gothic *Heliophobus reticulata*
 Brighton Wainscot *Oria musculosa*
 Buttoned Snout *Hypena rostralis*
 Chalk Carpet *Scotopteryx bipunctaria*
 Common Fan-foot *Pechipogo strigilata*

Dark Crimson Underwing *Catocala sponsa*
 Dark Bordered Beauty *Epione vespertaria*
 Dingy Mocha *Cyclophora pendularia*
 Double Line *Mythimna turca*
 Four-spotted *Tyta luctuosa*
 Fiery Clearwing *Pyropteron chrysidiformis*
 Heart Moth *Dicycla oo*
 Light Crimson Underwing *Catocala promissa*
 Lunar Yellow Underwing *Noctua orbona*
 Marsh Mallow Moth *Hydraecia osseola hucherardi*
 Narrow-bordered Bee Hawk-moth *Hemaris tityus*
 Pale Shining Brown *Polia bombycina*
 Reddish Buff *Acosmetia caliginosa*
 Silky Wave *Idaea dilutaria*
 Straw Belle *Aspitates gilvaria*
 Striped Lychnis *Shargacucullia lychnitis*
 Square-spotted Clay *Xestia rhomboidea*
 Sword Grass *Xylena exsoleta*
 Waved Carpet *Hydrelia sylvata*
 White-spotted Pinion *Cosmia diffinis*

These factsheets were produced thanks to funding from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. They are intended to be a resource for land managers and advisors, especially when discussing grants available under the new Environmental Stewardship scheme, which include specific management for targeted butterflies and moths- details of these schemes can be found at www.defra.gov.uk/erdp/schemes/es/default.htm.— KELLY THOMAS, Moth Conservation Officer, Butterfly Conservation, Manor Yard, East Lulworth, Wareham, Dorset BH20 5QP (e-mail: kthomas@butterfly-conservation.org).